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Warm and favourable weather has allowed seeding to begin in parts of southwestern and west-central Saskatchewan this week, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's weekly Crop Report.

However, the majority of producers are waiting for the soil to dry up before they can begin seeding.

A snowstorm brought significant precipitation to some parts of the province last Tuesday that has further delayed field work. This week's precipitation ranged from trace amounts to almost two inches in the east-central area. Many fields are still wet, although warm and windy weather has helped to dry some of them.

One year ago
Five per cent of the 2012 crop had been seeded. Some regions received over 100 mm of precipitation, delaying seeding operations.

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Provincially, cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 40 per cent surplus, 58 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is 28 per cent surplus, 68 per cent adequate and four per cent short.

Farmers are busy calving, cleaning seed, preparing machinery, doing pre-seeding field work and starting to seed.

Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

Warm and windy weather has helped to melt much of the remaining snow that remained in the southeast; however, the quick melt in some areas has caused roads and fields to flood and more warm weather will be needed to help dry them. There have been reports of field work beginning in the southeast, although the majority of producers are at least a week or two away from the start of seeding.

Precipitation this week ranged from trace amounts to 30 mm in the Broadview area. The Kisbey and Stoughton areas received 2 mm of precipitation, the Whitewood area 18 mm, the Weyburn area 11 mm, the Vibank and Wilcox areas 8 mm, the Briercrest area 20 mm and the Ceylon area 12 mm. The Rocanville area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (51 mm).

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Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 56 per cent surplus, 43 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 43 per cent surplus, 54 per cent adequate and three per cent short. CD 2B is reporting that 77 per cent of the cropland and 69 per cent of the hay land and pasture has surplus topsoil moisture.

Cattle are being moved to those pastures that have growth, although the majority will be moved in the coming weeks. Most crop reporters are indicating that field work and herbicide applications will begin soon on drier land. Farmers are busy working on equipment, finishing calving, checking fences and moving cattle to pasture.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

Seeding and field work has begun in some areas of the region that received less precipitation this winter. There are reports of durum, canola, mustard and pulses being seeded. Although most producers will not begin to seed for another week or two, it is expected that many will begin this weekend.

Most of the region received very little precipitation past week, although the Eyebrow area received 13 mm. The Bengough area received 10 mm, the Lisieux area 2 mm, the Stewart Valley area 9 mm and the Gravelbourg area 6 mm. The Admiral area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (58 mm).

Topsoil moisture for cropland is rated as six per cent surplus, 90 per cent adequate and four per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as three per cent surplus, 84 per cent adequate and 13 per cent short. CD 4A is reporting 28 per cent and 43 per cent, respectively, of cropland and hay land and pasture to be short of topsoil moisture

There are reports of grass fires in some areas. Some farmers have been able to apply fertilizer and herbicide on drier land, although many roads are still soft. Cattle are being moved to pasture in many areas. There have been reports that some seed treatments and glyphosate are in short supply. Farmers are busy seeding, finishing calving, getting equipment ready and working fields.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

Some areas of the region received significant amounts of precipitation last Tuesday that will further delay field work. Most crop reporters have indicated that it will be another week or more until seeding can begin due to excess moisture and soft fields.

The Stockholm area received the most precipitation this past week – 45 mm. The Langenburg area received 23 mm, the Saltcoats area 30 mm, the Roblin area 25 mm, the Kamsack area 10 mm, the Bethune area 35 mm and the Pelly, Craik and Quill Lake

areas 15 mm The Bethune area has received the greatest amount of precipitation in the region since April 1 (54 mm).

Topsoil moisture for cropland is rated as 46 per cent surplus and 54 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 40 per cent surplus and 60 per cent adequate. CD 5A is reporting that 63 per cent and 46 per cent, respectively, of cropland and hay land and pasture have surplus topsoil moisture.

There have been reports of localized flooding in yards, homes and fields. Low spots and sloughs are full in some areas, and warm and windy days are needed to help dry fields. Some producers have been able to work drier fields and move equipment. Pastures are beginning to grow and cattle will be moved in the coming weeks. Farmers are finishing calving, working on equipment, attending auctions and working fields.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

Some field work and seeding has begun in the west-central region, although cool temperatures and excess moisture is delaying most producers. The bulk of seeding will not begin for another week or two, according to the majority of crop reporters. There have been reports of localized flooding of some access roads, farmyards and fields.

Most of the region received very little precipitation. The Conquest area received 2 mm, the Arelee area 3 mm and the Smiley area 1 mm. The Major area has received the greatest amount of precipitation since April 1 (38 mm).

Cropland topsoil moisture is rated as 40 per cent surplus, 59 per cent adequate and one per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 29 per cent surplus and 71 per cent adequate.

Cattle will be moved to pasture in the coming weeks, although plant growth has been slow. Most fields have large sloughs that will need warm and windy weather to dry. Many farmers are working on equipment, although there are reports that some machinery is still stuck in snow banks. Farmers are busy working fields, finishing calving, cleaning grain and hauling inputs back to the yard.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Seeding will be delayed in the northeastern region by at least two weeks due to excess moisture. Many fields and roads are flooded and warm temperatures will be needed to dry them. Pasture growth has been slow, which will delay the movement of cattle.

The majority of the region received trace amounts of precipitation last week. Since April 1, the Prince Albert area has recorded the greatest amount of precipitation (22 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 79 per cent surplus and 21 per cent adequate. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 67 per cent surplus and 33 per cent adequate. CDs 9AE and 8A are reporting surplus topsoil moisture on 90 per cent and 80 per cent, respectively, of cropland.

There are indications that some producers will begin field work in the next week if the warm temperatures continue. Most of the snow has melted, although there is still a significant amount along some treelines and in bush. Some producers are considering changing their seeding plans if the fields do not dry as quickly as expected. Farmers are busy finishing calving, hauling grain, working on equipment and cleaning seed.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

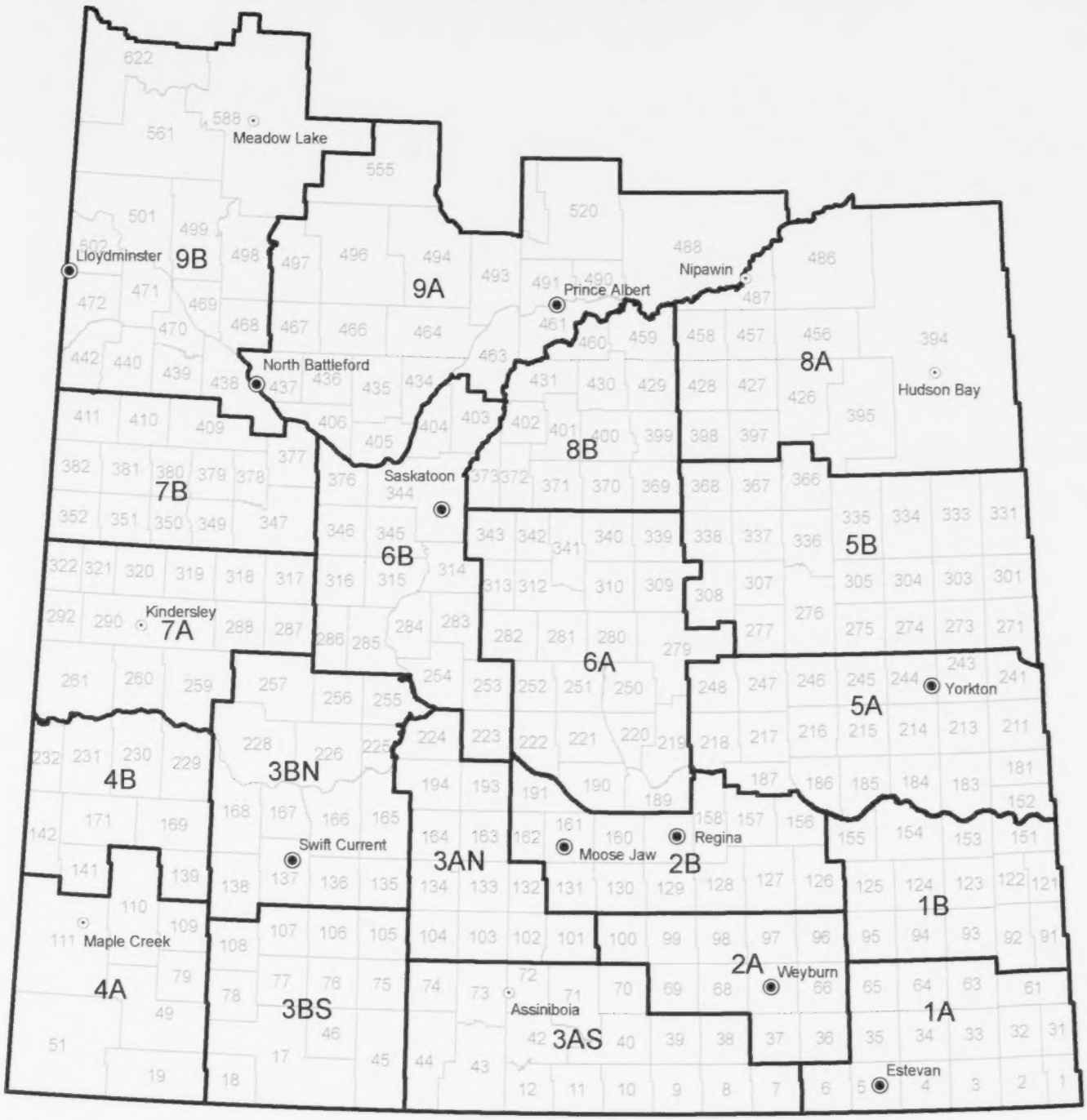
Flooding and continued snow cover is causing issues for some producers in the region, although conditions are improving. The majority of seeding will be delayed for at least a couple of weeks until the fields dry. Some producers are considering changing their seeding plans if the excess moisture continues.

The majority of the area did not receive any precipitation this week, although the Neilburg and Turtleford areas received 1 mm. Since April 1, the Turtleford area has received the most precipitation in the region (27 mm).

Topsoil moisture conditions on cropland are rated as 22 per cent surplus, 76 per cent adequate and two per cent short. Hay land and pasture topsoil moisture is rated as 15 per cent surplus, 83 per cent adequate and two per cent short.

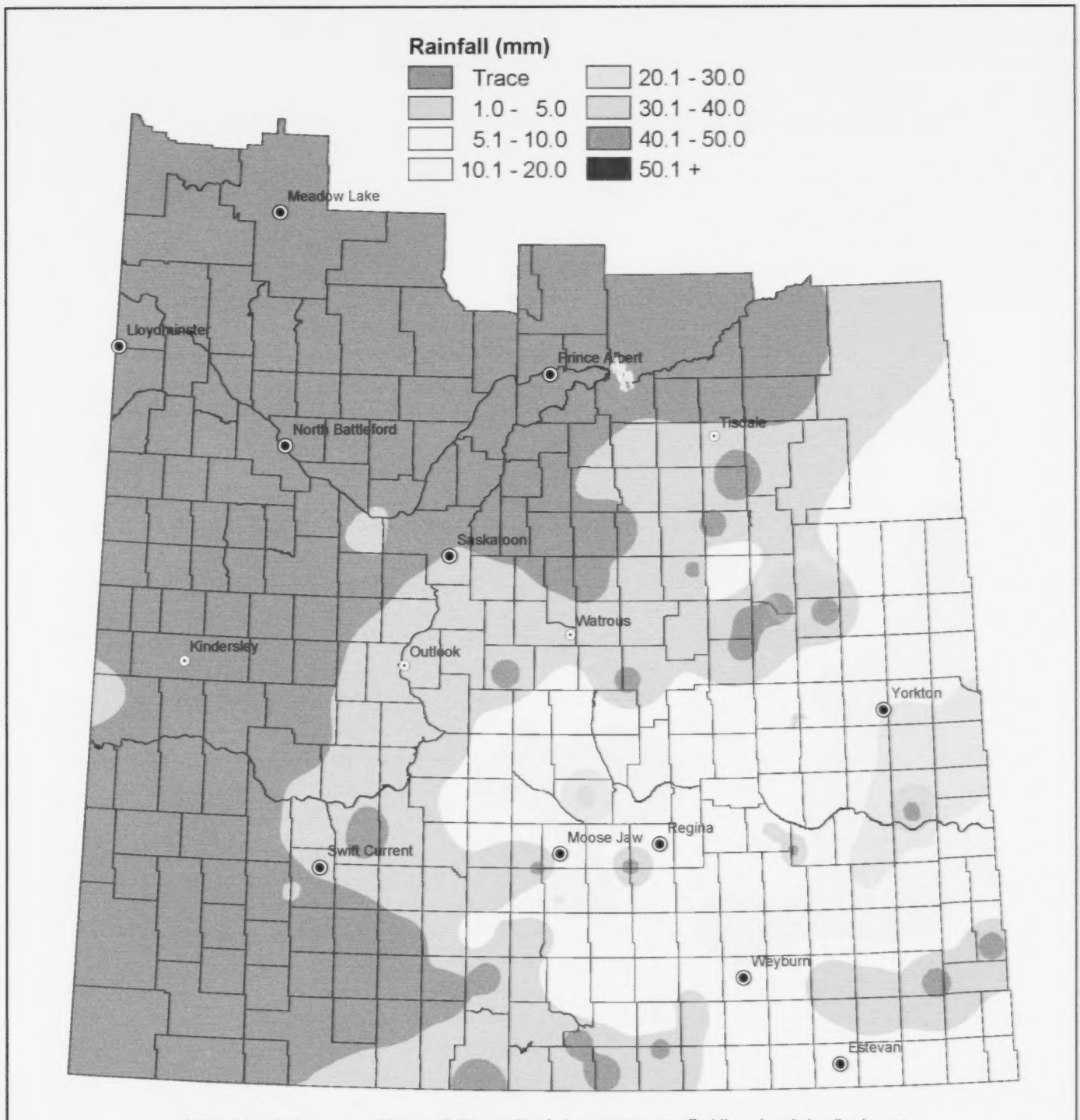
Many fields still have large amounts of standing water, and warm and windy weather will be needed to dry them out. Many roads are still closed and access to fields is restricted in some areas. Pastures are beginning to grow and cattle will be moved in the coming weeks. Farmers are busy finishing calving, working on equipment and hauling grain.

Crop Districts and Rural Municipalities in Saskatchewan



Weekly Rainfall

for the week ending May 6, 2013



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Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in millimeters) 1 inch = 25 mm for the period April 30 to May 6, 2013

Crop District	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	NIL	8
	3	Enniskillen	N/A	12.5
	33	Moose Creek	N/A	N/A
	34	Browning	N/A	9
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A
	63	Moose Mountain	NIL	10
	64	Brock	2	12
	65	Tecumseh	2	15
1B	91	Maryfield	NIL	9
	92	Walpole	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	7.1	24.9
	123	Silverwood	18	34
	124	Kingsley	17	26
	125 A	Chester	12	22.5
	125 B	Chester	N/A	25
	151 A	Rocanville	16	43
	151 B	Rocanville	15	51
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A
	154	Elcapo	30	36
	155 A	Wolseley	20	34
	155 B	Wolseley	NIL	27
2A	67	Weyburn	10	19
	68	Brokenshell	5	31
	97	Wellington	17.5	24.5
	99	Caledonia	N/A	N/A
2B	127 A	Francis	7.5	17.5
	127 B	Francis	8	13
	129	Bratt's Lake	8	33
	131 A	Baildon	20	35
	131 B	Baildon	21	35
	156 A	Indian Head	NIL	6
	156 B	Indian Head	20	43
	160 A	Pense	N/A	N/A
	160 B	Pense	NIL	41.5
	161	Moose Jaw	NIL	8.8
	162	Caron	N/A	37
	191	Marquis	N/A	10
3ASE	38 A	Laurier	NIL	16
	38 B	Laurier	2	28
	39 A	The Gap	NIL	20
	39 B	The Gap	12	47
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	0	13
	11	Hart Butte	N/A	27.6
	12	Poplar Valley	N/A	26
	40 A	Bengough	NIL	34
	40 B	Bengough	NIL	2
	42	Willow Bunch	2	33
	43 A	Old Post	NIL	26
	43 B	Old Post	N/A	N/A
	70	Key West	10.1	14.3
	71 A	Excel	NIL	N/A
	71 B	Excel	NIL	22
	72 A	Lake of the Rivers	NIL	N/A
	72 B	Lake of the Rivers	NIL	NIL
	73 A	Stonehenge	NIL	12.7
	73 B	Stonehenge	NIL	28
	74 A	Wood River	NIL	18
	74 B	Wood River	N/A	3
	74 C	Wood River	N/A	N/A
3AN	101	Terrell	9	23
	102	Lake Johnston	1.5	12.1
	103 A	Sutton	6	6
	103 B	Sutton	N/A	N/A
	132 A	Hillsborough	1.5	14.5
	132 B	Hillsborough	NIL	16.5
	134	Shamrock	N/A	33
	164 A	Chaplin	N/A	N/A
	164 B	Chaplin	N/A	N/A
	193 A	Eyebrow	N/A	13
	193 B	Eyebrow	12.7	25.2
	194	Enfield	N/A	N/A
	224	Maple Bush	2	16
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	N/A	41
	17 B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	45	Mankota	N/A	31.5
	75 A	Pinto Creek	NIL	17
	75 B	Pinto Creek	NIL	22
	76	Auvergne	NIL	17
	77	Wise Creek	NIL	58
	78 A	Grassy Creek	NIL	31
	78 B	Grassy Creek	NIL	27
	105	Glenbain	NIL	22
	106	Whiska Creek	NIL	18
	107 A	Lac Pelletier	NIL	12
	107 B	Lac Pelletier	N/A	8.5
	108	Bone Creek	NIL	21
3BN	138 A	Webb	NIL	29
	138 B	Webb	1.5	17.4
	166 A	Excelsior	NIL	21
	166 B	Excelsior	N/A	N/A
	167	Sask. Landing	3	26
	168 A	Riverside	NIL	30
	168 B	Riverside	NIL	30.5
	226 A	Victory	N/A	N/A
	226 B	Victory	N/A	2.5
	228	Lacadena	NIL	3
	255	Coteau	NIL	15.9
	257	Monet	NIL	9.3
4A	19	Frontier	N/A	N/A
	49	White Valley	N/A	N/A
	51 A	Reno	NIL	23.5
	51 B	Reno	NIL	N/A
	79	Arlington	N/A	N/A
	109	Carmichael	N/A	8
	110	Piapot	NIL	15
	111	Maple Creek	N/A	N/A
4B	139	Gull Lake	NIL	31
	141	Big Stick	NIL	16
	142	Enterprise	NIL	26
	169	Pittville	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	NIL	11
5A	183 A	Fertile Belt	45	45
	183 B	Fertile Belt	30	53
	186	Abernethy	10	20
	211	Churchbridge	23	39
	213	Saltcoats	30	41
	214	Cana	N/A	25
	216	Tullymet	N/A	17.8
	217 A	Lipton	N/A	N/A
	241	Calder	25	35
	243	Wallace	N/A	10
	245 A	Garry	15	23
	245 B	Garry	10	33
	245 C	Garry	NIL	15
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	8	21
	247	Kellross	5	10
	248	Touchwood	N/A	N/A
5B	271	Cote	10	26
	273	Sliding Hills	15.5	26
	277	Emerald	NIL	10
	305	Invermay	NIL	2.5
	307	Elfros	NIL	14
	308 A	Big Quill	N/A	N/A
	308 B	Big Quill	NIL	19
	331	Livingston	15	32
	333	Clayton	5	20.5
	334	Preeceville	NIL	12
	336	Sasman	NIL	15
	337 A	Lakeview	15	15
	337 B	Lakeview	N/A	9.5
	338	Lakeside	NIL	4
	366	Kelvington	NIL	25
	367	Ponass Lake	NIL	18.5
6A	190 A	Dufferin	20	31
	190 B	Dufferin	35	53.5
	190 C	Dufferin	N/A	8
	190 D	Dufferin	NIL	42
	219	Longlaketon	N/A	N/A
	220	Mckillop	16	31
	221	Sarnia	N/A	16.2
	222	Craik	15	40
	251	Big Arm	5	21
	252	Arm River	8	19
	279	Mount Hope	NIL	3
	282	McCraney	NIL	7
	309	Prairie Rose	N/A	N/A
	310	Usborne	N/A	N/A
	313	Lost River	N/A	N/A
	339	Leroy	NIL	17.97
	340	Wolverine	NIL	12
	341	Viscount	NIL	7
	343 A	Blucher	N/A	19.5
	343 B	Blucher	N/A	N/A
6B	283	Rosedale	N/A	9.5
	284	Rudy	1	9
	285	Fertile Valley	2	19
	286	Milden	N/A	5
	314	Dundurn	2	18
	344	Corman Park	NIL	5
	346	Perdue	NIL	5
	376 A	Eagle Creek	3	16
	376 B	Eagle Creek	NIL	12
	403 A	Rosthern	N/A	N/A
	403 B	Rosthern	N/A	30
7A	259	Snipe Lake	N/A	N/A
	260 A	Newcombe	N/A	26
	260 B	Newcombe	N/A	N/A
	261	Chesterfield	2	15
	287	St. Andrews	NIL	11
	288	Pleasant Valley	NIL	16
	290 A	Kindersley	N/A	25.5
	290 B	Kindersley	N/A	3
	290 C	Kindersley	N/A	20.5
	292	Milton	NIL	24
	317 A	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	317 B	Marriott	NIL	28
	317 C	Marriott	N/A	N/A
	318	Mountain View	NIL	20
	320 A	Oakdale	NIL	31.9
	320 B	Oakdale	NIL	15
	321	Prairiedale	1	4
7B	347 A	Biggar	NIL	20
	347 B	Biggar	NIL	NIL
	350 A	Manposa	NIL	13.8
	350 B	Manposa	NIL	11
	351	Progress	NIL	7
	352	Heart's Hill	NIL	38
	377	Glenside	NIL	20
	378 A	Rosemount	NIL	19
	378 B	Rosemount	NIL	9
	379	Reford	NIL	14
	381	Grass Lake	N/A	N/A
	382	Eye Hill	NIL	1
	409 A	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	409 B	Buffalo	N/A	N/A
	410	Round Valley	N/A	NIL
	411	Senlac	N/A	N/A
8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	20
	397	Barrier Valley	0.1	18.7
	428	Star City	N/A	N/A
	456	Arborfield	NIL	10
	457	Connaught	N/A	10
	458	Willow Creek	NIL	NIL
	486	Moose Range	NIL	10
	487 A	Nipawin	NIL	10
	487 B	Nipawin	N/A	N/A
8B	369	St. Peter	NIL	14
	370	Humboldt	NIL	20
	371	Bayne	N/A	N/A
	372	Grant	NIL	18.29
	400 A	Three Lakes	NIL	NIL
	400 B	Three Lakes	NIL	18
	402	Fish Creek	NIL	12
	429	Flett's Springs	NIL	5
	431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A
	459	Kinistino	N/A	N/A
	460	Birch Hills	NIL	6
9AE	461	Prince Albert	NIL	22.4
	488	Torch River	NIL	NIL
	491	Buckland	NIL	15
9AW	406	Mayfield	NIL	8
	435	Redberry	N/A	6
	436	Douglas	NIL	20
	463	Duck Lake	NIL	22
	466	Meeting Lake	N/A	N/A
	467 A	Round Hill	NIL	19
	467 B	Round Hill	N/A	N/A
	494	Carnwood	N/A	N/A
	496 A	Spiritwood	N/A	N/A
	496 B	Spiritwood	N/A	8
	497	Medstead	N/A	8
9B	438	Battle River	N/A	13
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	8.5
	442	Manitou Lake	0.8	18.4
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	10.5
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	10
	499 A	Mervin	NIL	20.4
	499 B	Mervin	N/A	13
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	1	27
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	NIL	16
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	NIL	18
	502 A	Britannia	NIL	N/A
	502 B	Britannia	NIL	18
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	17
	588 A	Meadow Lake	NIL	19
	588 B	Meadow Lake	NIL	10
	588 C	Meadow Lake	N/A	27
	588 D	Meadow Lake	N/A	31
	588 E	Meadow Lake	N/A	N/A
	622	Beaver River	N/A	10

Municipality No: A, B, C, D and E - more than one reporter

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Cumulative Rainfall

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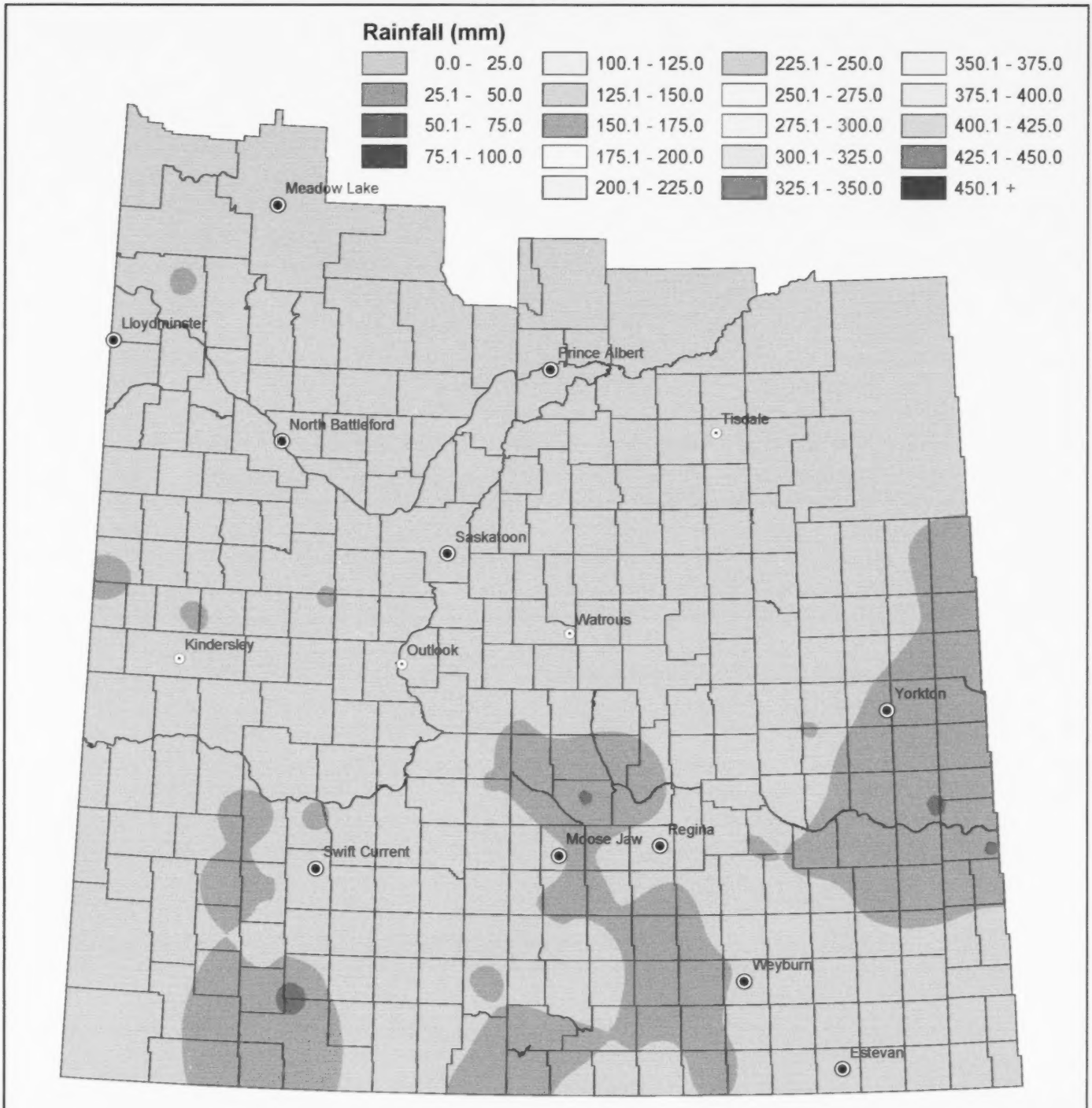

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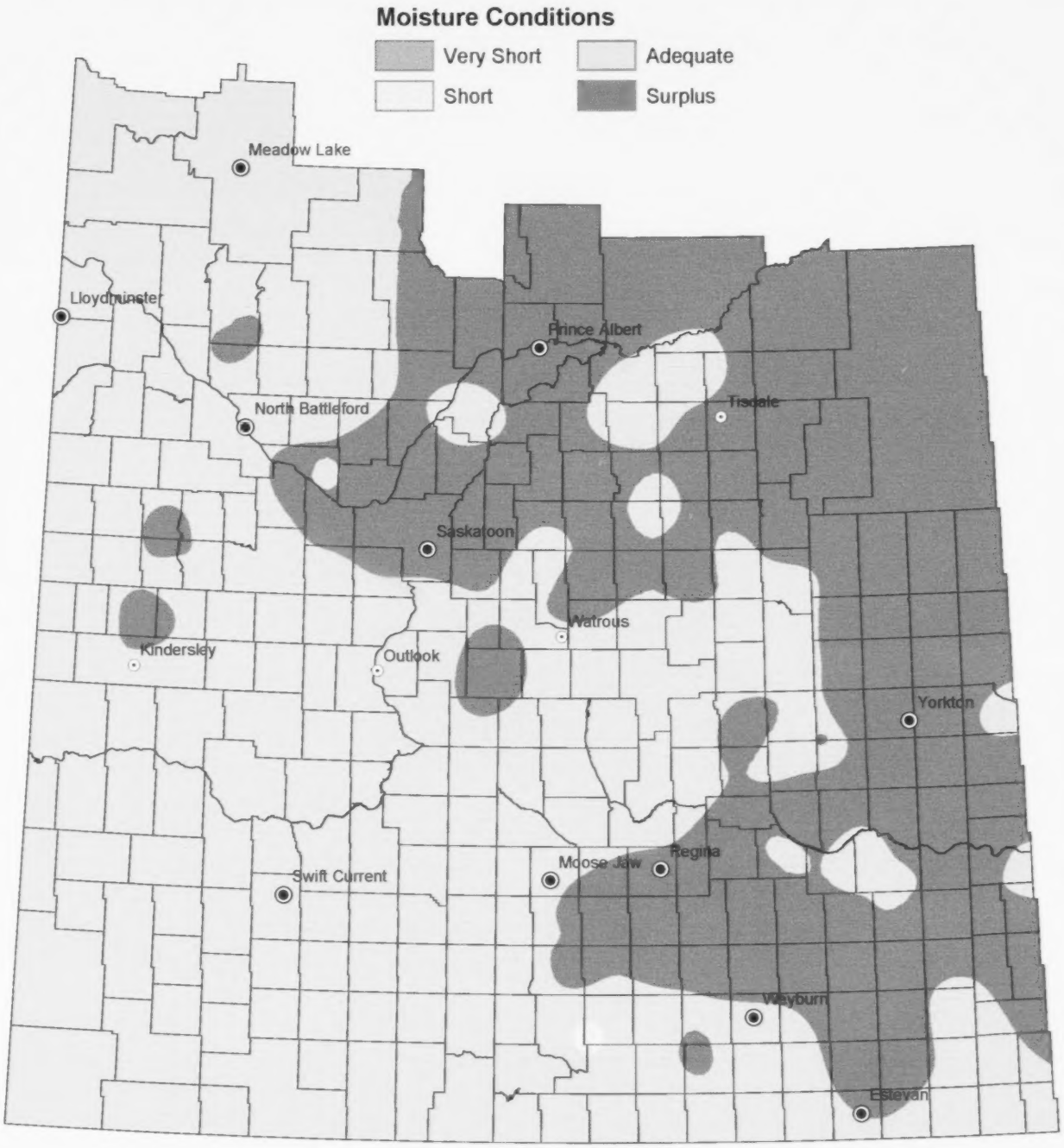

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Hay and Pasture Topsoil Moisture Conditions

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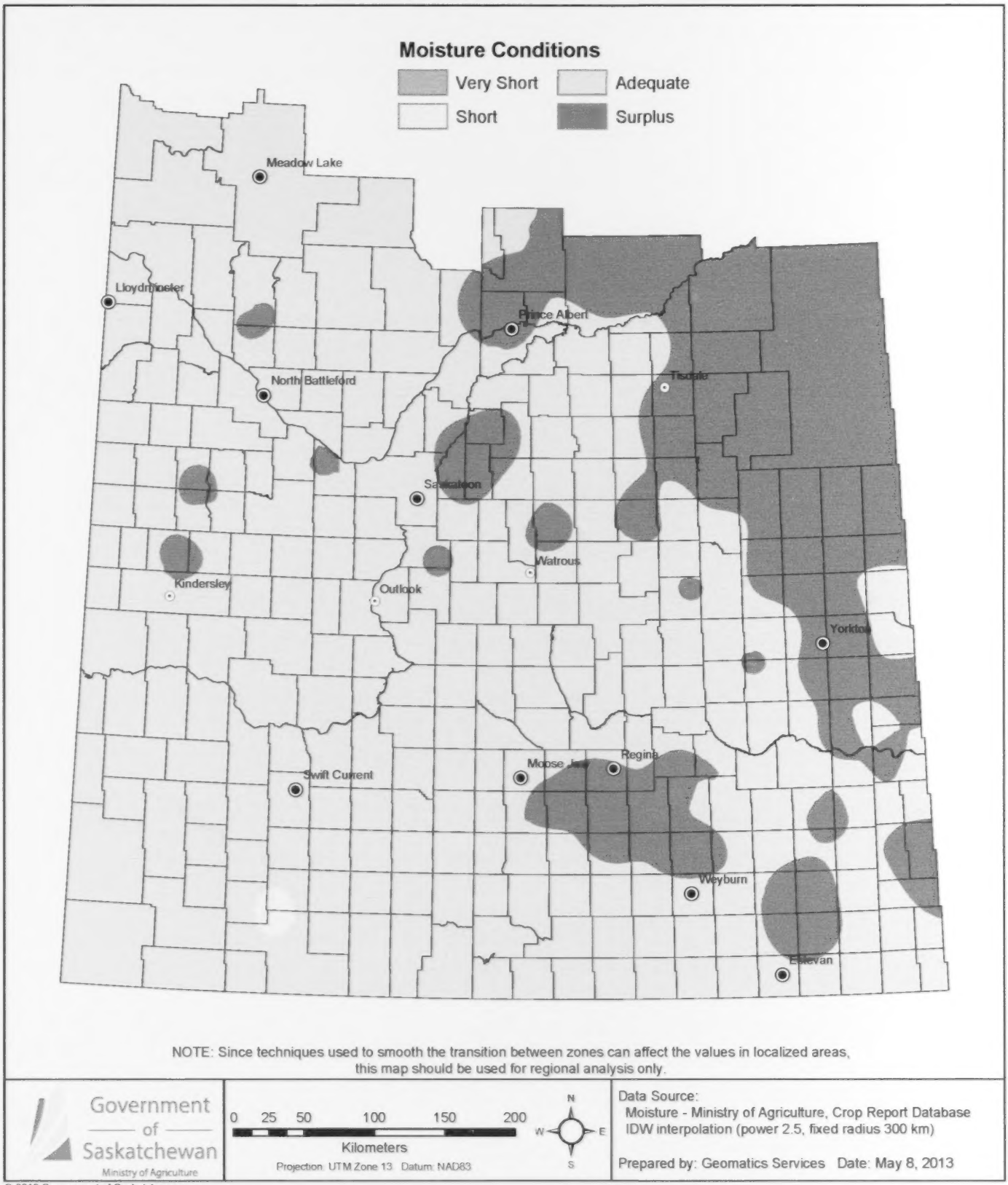

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